

## Claims

1. A method for producing a peptide having at least one disulfide bridge, comprising the steps of
  - 5           - providing a nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising a peptide of interest,
  - incorporating said nucleic acid molecule into an expression vector as a fusion with an intein,
  - expressing the peptide-intein-fusion, and
  - 10          - inducing the peptide cleavage by temperature and pH change.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of
  - purifying the peptide by an affinity column.
- 15 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the method is carried out *in vivo* in a host system.
4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the host system comprises *Escherichia coli* cells.
- 20 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the method is carried out *in vitro*.
6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid molecule provided is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a peptide of interest, and elements enabling the incorporation of the nucleic acid molecule into an expression vector.
- 25 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid molecule provided is a PCR-amplified nucleic acid molecule originating from a phage display vector.
- 30 8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the peptide encoded by the phage display vector contains an amino acid analogue.

9. The method according to claim 7 for preparing any peptide screened by phage display, wherein the nucleic acid molecule provided is a PCR amplicon obtained by using a pair of oligonucleotide primers flanking the nucleotide sequence encoding the peptide of interest, and containing elements required for incorporation of said sequence into an expression  
5 vector.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the pair of oligonucleotide primers consists of a forward primer having the sequence CCT TTC TGC TCT TCC AAC GCC GAC GGG GCT, and a reverse primer having the sequence ACT TTC AAC CTG CAG TTA CCC  
10 AGC GGC CCC.

11. The method according to claim 1 for constructing a library of hydrophilic peptides, wherein the nucleic acid molecule provided further comprises codons for at least one hydrophilic amino acid to be added into the peptide of interest.  
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12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the peptide GRENYHGCTTHWGFTLC is produced.

13. The method according to claim 1 for constructing a library of hydrophilic peptides, wherein the nucleic acid molecule provided further comprises codons for at least one hydrophilic amino acid for replacing an amino acid non-critical for the activity of the peptide of interest.  
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14. The method according to claim 1 for producing a pool of peptides, wherein the nucleic acid molecule provided comprises a plurality of nucleotide sequences encoding peptides of interest.  
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15. The method according to claim 14, comprising a further step of screening the peptide pool obtained for improved solubility properties.  
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16. The method according to claim 1 for producing a peptide with an unnatural amino acid, wherein the method further comprises the steps of

- providing a host cell auxotrophic for a naturally occurring amino acid to be replaced with said unnatural amino acid,

- expressing the peptide-intein-fusion in said auxotrophic host cell in the presence of an amino acid analogue.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the peptide CTTH(5-fluoro-W)GFTLC is  
5 produced.

18. The method according to claim 16, wherein the peptide CTTH(6-fluoro-W)GFTLC is produced.

10 19. The peptide CTTH(5-fluoro-W)GFTLC having improved serum stability.

20. The peptide GRENYHGCTTHWGFTLC having improved solubility in water.

21. The peptide CTTH(5-fluoro-W)GFTLC, which is obtainable according to claim 16.

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22. The peptide GRENYHGCTTHWGFTLC, which is obtainable according to claim 11.

23. A method for producing a peptide with an unnatural amino acid, wherein the method comprises the steps of

- 20 - expressing a library of peptides containing an amino acid analogue on a phage using an auxotrophic host,
- selecting a peptide of interest containing an amino acid analogue using phage display in an auxotrophic host,
- transferring the nucleic acid encoding said peptide into an intein vector, and
- 25 - expressing the peptide of interest according to the method of claim 16.